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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission JoAnne Wagner for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) In a December 15 meeting with PolOff, the Director for International Organizations in the Ministry of External Relations, Ambassador Adolphe Nahayo, agreed that strong managerial skills and competent leadership are essential for the Director-General of UNESCO. He said Burundi would consider refraining from supporting a specific DG candidate during the upcoming AU Summit in January in favor of evaluating a wider list of candidates prior to the May 31 deadline. Nahayo also said that, prior to the AU Summit, he would discuss the matter further with Burundi's Minister of Education, Saidi Kibeya, who collaborates more closely with the UNESCO mission in Burundi.

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